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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Responsive to the Restriction Requirement Office Action mailed February 21, 2002, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the subject matter of Group I, claims 1-11 and 12-22, for continued examination herein.

**REMARKS**

The Examiner has restricted the invention of the subject application to one of the following inventions: